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SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board's update of all complaints and stewards' rulings involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters.

Regarding 10 complaints filed against four trainers and two owners at Los Alamitos after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the blood and urine samples from six horses owned, trained, or in the care of those licensees contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels, the stewards at Los Alamitos issued rulings against four of those licensees and disqualified all six horses. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. These are Class 3 violations:

- Licensed owner Gonzalo Medina was suspended 180 days for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1844 (b) (e) (f). The three horses in his care at the time clenbuterol was administered were A Mere Chocolate, Check N Out Sammies, and Timberman. A Mere Chocolate finished third in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on March 19, 2011. Check N Out Sammies finished fifth in the seventh race at Los Alamitos on March 20, 2011. Timberman finished first in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on March 18, 2011. Iowa State University confirmed all three split samples. A hearing is pending for Jesus Nunez, the trainer of those three horses
- Licensed owner Ramon Melgoza was suspended 30 days and fined \$3,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d) and 1844 (b) (e) (f). The horse in his care at the time clenbuterol was administered was Card Check, which finished first in the ninth race at Los Alamitos on April 2, 2011. Iowa State University confirmed the split sample. Sergio Sanchez, the trainer of Card Check, was suspended 30 days and fined \$1,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (b) (e) (f), and 1887.
- Danny Steve Montes, the trainer of Illegal Velocity, was suspended 60 days and fined \$3,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (b) (e) (f), and 1887. Illegal Velocity finished first in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on April 3, 2011. Montes declined split sample analysis.
- As was previously reported, the CHRB filed a complaint against Miguel Rodriguez, the trainer of Dash Beduina, alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (b) (e) (f), 1859.5, and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the blood

and urine samples from Dash Beduina contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels. Rodriguez declined split sample analysis. Dash Beduina finished first in the ninth race at Los Alamitos on April 1, 2011. A hearing is pending for Rodriguez

- The stewards disqualified A Mere Chocolate, Check N Out Sammies, Timberman, Illegal Velocity, Card Check, and Dash Beduina.

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